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Library Technology Center is a focal point for campus life

The Library Technology Center, a backdrop for beautiful fall foliage on the campus of North Georgia College & State University, opened in 2008 and offers a full suite of services, including the Center of Teaching and Learning Excellence, the Information & Instructional Technology Help Desk, the Writing Center, and the Java City coffee shop. This technology-rich learning space offers a robust wired and wireless infrastructure and a host of librarians knowledgeable in various topics to assist with research.

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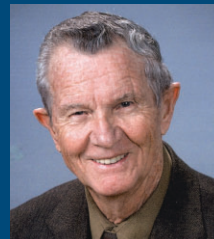
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President's Message

Dr. David Potter

As I prepared for the faculty-staff convocation this fall, I recalled an article I wrote in 1991 with colleagues at another institution. Titled "Maintaining Momentum and Quality in a Time of Decline," it outlined a strategy we were using to cope with state budget reductions at that time. Our goal was to protect and advance the university's growth and development despite financial difficulties.

In some respects, our current budgetary troubles are reminiscent of that time, a reminder that fluctuations in state support have been part of the American higher education landscape for decades. Today, budget reductions have placed a much greater burden on students and their families and have increased the need for philanthropy, grants and contracts as sources of university revenue.

Through the dedication of our campus community, North Georgia continues to offer our students an unparalleled educational experience balanced with outstanding leadership opportunities. This fall, our enrollment stands at 6,000 students, with 760 in the corps.

We have made great progress, even in the face of this downturn, toward our goals of achieving national stature as a leader in innovative teaching and learning, educating engaged citizens, regional development, and living our values in ways that demonstrate our culture and mission.

We have increased language offerings, study abroad, international students and university exchanges. Intensive summer language institutes have grown in three years to include Arabic, Mandarin, Russian, and Spanish.

Our focus on experiential learning is bearing fruit in several ways. The Office of Academic Affairs is undertaking important initiatives to expand student opportunities to participate in undergraduate research and to incorporate service learning, internships and practicums into courses.

Our student affairs staff is carrying forward the university's mission and reputation as a leadership institution by creating a leadership development program for students throughout the University System of Georgia.

Our two new residence halls increased residential capacity by 42 percent. This fall, we will raze Simons Hall to build another corps residential facility. These developments are critical to our belief that a full-time, residential undergraduate experience is a fundamental part of North Georgia's institutional identity.

Finally, with state support, we begin this fall a two-year renovation of our aging campus. We will reconfigure the old Stewart Library as a student success center – an effort to integrate support services in academic and student affairs. We will restore Young Hall's historic features and reprogram it with state-of-the-art classrooms. We will redesign the interior of Barnes Hall to develop much needed office space. And, we will revitalize Hoag Student Center with expanded dining facilities.

Of course, our campus is not all that is aging. I plan to retire from the presidency during this academic year. To maintain as much continuity as possible throughout the transition, I will remain as president until a successor is named and is able to be on campus.

The presidency of North Georgia is a wonderful job. By sustaining our momentum in spite of the challenges we face, we will present to our 17th president the gift of a vibrant institution to lead into a brighter future.



Presidential search

Search committees from the institution and the Board of Regents have been named and are beginning the search process.

Their work may be followed online at www.northgeorgia.edu/presidentialsearch.

Federal contract to result in language training center

North Georgia College & State University has been awarded federal funds totaling nearly \$2 million to support its language programs, including a \$1.2 million federal contract to establish a strategic languages training center.

Soon after starting a Chinese program, with support from a National Security Education Program grant in 2008, North Georgia officials recognized a need for instruction in strategic languages for ROTC cadets and Reservists. The growing need for soldiers with global and multicultural understanding also has been identified by the U.S. Army.

"The military and in particular our Army have been trying to build more cultural awareness into Army training as we continue to deploy overseas," said COL Michael Pyott, the professor of military science at North Georgia. "The cultural awareness is part of the language training and it allows soldiers to be better trained and prepared when they enter a country that has values, beliefs and traditions that are very foreign to what we have here in the United States."

North Georgia administrators proposed to members of the House Armed Services Committee that the university could supplement the language instruction being provided by the U.S. Army's Defense Language Institute. The concept was authorized in the National Defense Authorization Act of 2010. North Georgia bid on and was given the contract for the project, which can be funded for a total of three years.

"The great beneficiaries will be our current and future students who will embark upon exciting careers made possible by the language programs put into place with the assistance from the contract," Dr. Chris Jespersen, dean of the School of Arts & Letters, said.

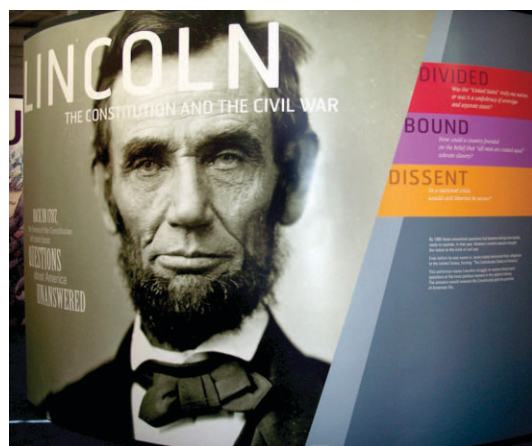
In addition to Chinese, North Georgia has added courses in Arabic,



Dr. Abdislam Elfarrri teaches students Arabic in North Georgia's new Strategic Language Immersion Program.

Korean and Russian. This fall, the first students started in the university's new Strategic Language Intensive Program, studying either Arabic or Chinese. In the program, students take two semesters of only intensive foreign language courses.

Many of the students currently enrolled in the university's strategic language programs are North Georgia cadets, but the new language training center also will provide instruction for active military and cadets from across the country. While the contract specifically addresses language training for military personnel, the entire student body will benefit from the support of its foreign language programs.



Traveling Lincoln exhibit headed for North Georgia

A traveling exhibit about Abraham Lincoln's presidency will be coming to North Georgia in 2012. "Lincoln: The Constitution and the Civil War" will run at the Library Technology Center from Jan. 26, 2012, to March 8, 2012, and will be free and open to the public.

The exhibit is a series of five panels depicting Lincoln's life and times as relates to the U.S. Constitution and the Civil War. Organized thematically, the exhibition explores how Lincoln used the Constitution to confront three intertwined crises of the war – the secession of Southern states, slavery and wartime civil liberties.

The traveling exhibition and tour are funded by a major grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities the National Constitution Center.

University celebrates opening of new residence halls

North Georgia College & State University opened two new residence halls this summer, North Georgia Suites and Patriot Hall.

In addition to university staff, faculty and administration, representatives of the construction companies and other associated contractors were on hand for the celebration and ribbon cuttings at both locations. North Georgia Suites houses some 600 students and Patriot Hall houses 350 cadets.

"The two new residence halls increase residential capacity by 42 percent," said Dr. David Potter, president. "These developments are critical to our belief that a full-time, residential undergraduate experience is a fundamental part of North Georgia's institutional identity."

These are the first new residence halls on campus since John H. Owen Hall opened in 2002. Construction will soon begin on another new cadet residence hall to replace Simmons Hall.

Representatives from Ambling University Development, Choate Construction Co., and Lord, Aeck & Sargent (LAS) also presented the university with two new scholarships.

The scholarship endowed by Ambling is to be given annually, beginning next year, to a Lumpkin County student.

The scholarship endowed by Choate, LAS and other designers and contractors associated with the project also is to be presented annually, beginning next year.

Patriot Hall is located on the hill behind Gaillard Hall, an existing residence hall for cadets. Large windows in the center portion of the two-wing building look out over the drill field and the iconic gold tower of Price Memorial Hall can be seen in the background.

North Georgia Suites is located on Sunset Drive behind the Health and Natural Sciences building and features outstanding views of



The construction firms who worked on the new residence hall projects have funded two separate scholarships at North Georgia College & State University. Left to right are: Millard Choate, CEO of Choate Construction Co.; Joseph Greco, president of Lord, Aeck & Sargent; Greg Blais, president of Ambling University Development; Mac McConnell, university vice president of business and finance; Ed Nix, chairman of the NGCSU Foundation; and Dr. David Potter, university president.



This summer, several trustees newly elected to the NGCSU Foundation took a tour of the university's new Patriot Hall cadet residence hall as part of their orientation and training. Pictured are Will Carter, Saints Club president and ex-officio trustee; and new trustees Dr. Sherman Day, Bill Chapman Sr., Patricia Powell, Leslie Fowler, and Nick Massengill.

the mountain range beyond Dahlonega.

In addition to the new residence halls, a new six-story, precast parking deck that accommodates about 1,000 cars, opened this fall.

The construction projects were funded through tax-exempt municipal bonds and students will retire the debt through housing and parking fees.

State funds have enabled renovations to begin on several of the university's aging

academic and office buildings. During the next two years, the old Stewart Library will be reconfigured to house a student success center and Young Hall will be restored and reprogrammed with state-of-the-art classrooms.

Barnes Hall will be renovated to develop new and expanded office space, and the Hoag Student Center will benefit from much needed renovations and expansion of its dining facilities and meeting spaces.

University launches regional branding campaign

Initiative includes change in Web domain

For years, alumni and faculty have considered North Georgia College & State University as the state's "best kept secret." However, research conducted as part of a new institutional marketing campaign indicates that the university has greater "top-of-mind" awareness than the University of Georgia and Georgia Tech, the state's flagship institutions, in three nearby counties.

"Respondents had a high awareness level and favorable opinions about North Georgia, but only a small percentage felt very familiar with its programs," said Kate Maine, director of university relations. "As we try to generate external support and financial resources for the university's mission, it's important that we build familiarity with and affinity for the university."

The marketing campaign, sponsored by the NGCSU Foundation, is being conducted throughout Northeast Georgia to help individuals and organizations throughout the region understand the impact and the value

of the university and its alumni in their communities. The advertisements are unified by the university's seven core values of loyalty, integrity, courage, service, wisdom, truth and respect.

"This initiative highlights the university's strategic vision of education for life and leadership in a global community by featuring alumni who demonstrate the university's core values in their daily lives," Maine said.

The university has undertaken several initiatives in the past two years to enhance communication with alumni and increase its visibility in the region. Included in these efforts are new print and electronic publications, a Facebook Fan Page, and a new website – www.northgeorgia.edu.

"We have retired ngcsu.edu and adopted a domain name that better identifies the university as it is known by its constituents and the community," Maine said. "Additionally, a similar virtual community for alumni and donors has been established at www.northgeorgia.org."

North Georgia ranks among top public universities in the South

North Georgia earned the #26 spot among the South's public regional universities in the 2011 edition of Best Colleges by U.S. News Media



Group, which evaluates more than 1,400 schools nationwide.

"North Georgia has a strong history of developing professional, civic and military leaders who have a positive impact in their communities," said President David L. Potter. "Our consistent inclusion in this list points to the strength of our university and the outstanding educational experience we provide."

Additionally, North Georgia was the top-ranked university in the South for the least amount of debt load for the class of 2009, highlighting the high-value experience North Georgia provides its students. The rankings compare schools using key measures, including peer assessment, graduation and retention rates, faculty resources, student selectivity, financial resources, alumni giving, and high school counselor ratings of colleges.

North Georgia, a member of the University System of Georgia, is the state's second-oldest public university and is designated as a state leadership institution. Additionally, as one of only six senior military colleges in the United States and a Corps of Cadets that comprises about 15 percent of the student population, North Georgia is designated as The Military College of Georgia. The other five senior military colleges are the Citadel, Norwich University, Texas A & M, Virginia Military Institute, and Virginia Tech.



Dr. John McHugh, a 1977 graduate of North Georgia and a physician in Gainesville, is among the alumni who are featured in the marketing campaign. These are examples of North Georgia alumni who are living the university's core values in their daily lives.

University has \$300 million economic impact on region

North Georgia College & State University made an economic impact of more than \$300 million and accounted for nearly 3,000 jobs in a six-county area during Fiscal Year 2009, according to a annual report that measures the economic impact of the University System of Georgia.

"A college or university improves the skills of its graduates, which increases their lifetime earnings. Local businesses benefit from easy access to a large pool of part-time and full-time workers," said study author Dr. Jeffrey M. Humphreys, director of economic forecasting for the Selig Center for Economic Growth in the University of Georgia's Terry College of Business. "In addition, for each job created on a campus, there are 1.6 jobs that exist off-campus because of spending related to the college or university. In these ways, and many more, the University System plays a critical role in Georgia's economic recovery."

For North Georgia, most of the \$300,919,279 economic impact was due to initial spending for salaries and benefits, operating supplies and expenses, other budgeted expenditures, and spending by the students who attended the university. It also includes about \$80 million in construction-related capital expenditures.

Community series demonstrates program variety

North Georgia took the classroom into the community this fall with a seven-week education series that showcased the variety of the university's curriculum and faculty expertise. North Georgia Community Connections featured topics including jazz, the economy, science education, leadership in uncertain times, art education, childhood obesity, and preparing teachers for 21st century students. The seminars were held in Gainesville, Cumming and Dahlonega and gave the public opportunities to learn about and discuss these topics with North Georgia faculty members.

Beginning in February, the university will present a similar lecture series in which North Georgia faculty will focus on international affairs. Called Great Decisions, the national program is produced by the Foreign Policy Association. The series, also free and open to the public, will be in Cumming and Gainesville.



Letter from the Editor



It is always fun to get to know North Georgia alumni and the people and experiences that have had an impact on their lives.

That is what we hope to share with you through the *North Georgia Leader* magazine.

For this issue, I got to reconnect with an old friend, Jay Kemp, at his home and studio on Lake Lanier. Jay has become a leading wildlife artist and started painting at North Georgia. As our conversation ended, a heron swooped over the nearby water as if to say hello and to pay tribute to him.

We have also brought you stories about Ben Malcom, 2010 Alumni Hall of Fame inductee, and Bernie Richardson, who is teaching in New Orleans with the Teach for America program.

Similarly, we are featuring several alumni in a regional marketing campaign that highlights the impact our alumni make in their communities because of the leadership skills and values that were instilled at North Georgia (see p. 5).

Be sure to take advantage of the many alumni reunions and gatherings to connect with other North Georgia alumni – it's a treat not to be missed!

Warmest regards,
Kate Maine
Director of University Relations

North Georgia People

Jossey and Oates serve on task force

Drs. Laurie Jossey and Richard Oates served as members of the Health and Physical Education Task Force for the Georgia Professional Standards Commission in the spring and summer of 2010. This Task Force of six professionals wrote the teacher educator preparation rule recommendations for health and physical education in the state of Georgia.

Paper by Loebick and Robinson selected for literature conference

A paper by April Loebick and Dr. Bonnie Robinson, titled, "Seeing is (Not) Believing: Teaching Critical Thinking through Graphic Novels (Maus I & II and Persepolis I & II)," was part of Purdue University's 2010 Comparative Literature Conference, "Graphic Engagement: The Politics of Comics and Animation."

May gives Mongol presentation in Spain

Dr. Timothy May, history, presented a paper titled, "Mongol Conquest Strategy in the Middle East" as part of the 3rd World Congress on Middle Eastern Studies, held in Barcelona, Spain. His article, "Greek and Chinese Horse Medicine: Déjà vu All Over Again," co-written with Paul Buell of Charité-Universitätsmedizin Berlin and David Ramey, D.V.M. was in the German Journal, Sudhoffs Archiv 94/1 (2010).

McConnell selected to chair Shared Services Governing Board

Mac McConnell, vice president for Business & Finance, has been chosen to chair the new Shared Services Governing Board under the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. He will serve during the 2011 financial year.

Meaher awarded fellowship

Dr. Augustine Meaher, a member of the history and philosophy faculty, has been awarded a fellowship at the Baltic Defense College in Estonia. There he will

be conducting research and teaching NATO officers.

Palmer recognized for PT service

Dr. Phillip B. Palmer, an associate professor in physical therapy, has been awarded a 2010 Outstanding Service Award by the Federation of State Boards of Physical Therapy. The award recognizes and honors individuals who have made a significant contribution to the federation through their volunteer work during the past year. Palmer has multiple degrees in a variety of disciplines and has more than 30 years of experience as a physical therapist, including working and teaching in the Middle East.

Robertson and Mehlferber selected for new faculty fellowships

During 2010-2011, the Office of Academic Affairs, in collaboration with the Centers of Teaching and Learning Excellence, Undergraduate Research and Creative Activities, and Global Engagement, will establish faculty fellowships. These faculty fellowships will recognize faculty engagement and will support the depth and breadth of programming/activities in accordance

with our key institutional initiatives in internalization, undergraduate research, and service learning. In the Center of Teaching and Learning Excellence, the faculty fellows are Dr. Chuck Robertson, Faculty Fellow for Innovative Instructional Technology and Dr. Jon Mehlferber, Faculty Fellow for Service Learning.

Roop receives national outstanding advising award

John F. Roop, an instructor in the Department of Psychology and Sociology, received an Outstanding Advising Certificate of Merit in the Academic Advising Faculty category from the National Academic Advising Association.

Webb earns information security manager certification

Jim Webb, associate chief information officer, achieved the prestigious Certified Information Security Manager (CISM) certification from the Information Systems Audit and Control Association. Webb also holds the industry-standard Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP) certification, and is a member of numerous national and international information security professional organizations.

Seabolt retires after 37 years in military department

Delores Seabolt came to North Georgia as a student in 1969 and remained a fixture on campus for the next four decades. Seabolt retired this fall after working in the assistant commandant's office for 37 years. Cadets and instructors – past and present – say it's a well-earned reward, but a big loss to the department.

"The Office of the Commandant has been blessed with her work ethic, her loyalty and her dedication. Thousands of cadets have known her, and many stay in contact with her by phone and e-mail," COL Tom Palmer, North Georgia's commandant of cadets, said. "Every year, scores of Army officers, including newly promoted colonels and generals, contact our office to thank Delores for her service to North Georgia."

Seabolt graduated in 1973 as her class valedictorian with a degree in mathematics and a minor in physics.





Online Master in International Affairs program has students around the world

The fledgling Master of Arts in International Affairs program is growing quickly, with the first group of graduates expected to earn their degrees in December 2011.

Dr. Cristian A. Harris, an assistant professor of political science and coordinator for the International Affairs program, said not only have more students been accepted into the program than projected, loans secured to begin the program already have been repaid.

"While we expected to have 15 full-time equivalent students by our second year, the actual number is 18.35. We are currently teaching five classes and we expect to maintain this number of course offerings in the future," Harris said.

The degree, with classes offered strictly online, is designed to provide an advanced understanding of the international system along with a focus on the multiple facets of global security issues such as terrorism, strategic security policy, the examination of economic elements of security and the theories which define the field of international affairs.

"The program attracts most of its students from professionals who are thinking about starting new careers or seeking further professional growth," Harris said. "The main reason they cite for choosing North Georgia for their graduate studies is the flexibility of the online format. It fits well with their working schedules."

There are 52 students admitted into the program, with 31 of those taking classes fall semester. Most of the students in the program are North Georgia graduates living in Georgia, but a couple of active military personnel have taken courses while stationed overseas. Harris said he also has been contacted from overseas by people interested in enrolling in the program.

A loan from the University System of Georgia Board of Regents funded hiring a full-time faculty member and purchasing equipment such as laptops and online databases such as journals and books. The loan has been repaid two years ahead of schedule, Harris said.

For more information, visit www.northgeorgia.edu/maia.

Art professor seeks to spread art and creativity across the region with Airstream trailer

The visual arts department at North Georgia wants to spread art and creativity across the region, but lack of funding is keeping the project from getting started.

"The Artstream Project is a portable art studio housed in a vintage Airstream trailer that brings hands-on creative experiences to groups in north Georgia with limited or no access to the visual arts," Dr. Chris Dockery, assistant professor of art education, said.

Artstream would bring materials and ideas to groups across the region, and provide experience for art education majors who are preparing to teach in a pre-K to 12 setting.

As Dockery works to secure funding for the project, she developed a smaller version of the mobile

art concept that she calls "Artstream Project: Creativity in a Trunk." She and volunteers have filled vintage suitcases with art supplies and instructional materials to deliver creative art instruction to the surrounding community.

"I believe that this condensed version of the Artstream Project will give us the chance to prove the viability and potential of our program to grant organizations that have the ability to financially support the project's expansion to its full potential," Dockery said.



Banned Books Week

Dr. David Potter, president of North Georgia, read from Kurt Vonnegut's "Slaughter House Five" as part of Banned Books Week this fall. Several faculty, staff, administrators and students took part in the event, held as a salute to the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Center for the Future of North Georgia

North Georgia is supporting economic development in the region by working with businesses and government entities through the school's Center for the Future of North Georgia.

Directed by Ruben Boling, the center was established in 2008 by the Mike Cottrell School of Business to facilitate sustainable economic growth and development in the region. The center connects students and faculty with non-profit businesses and economic development authorities and serves as an applied research resource for the region's cities, counties, chambers of commerce, economic development authorities, and other public and private entities.

Stephen Sutton, majoring in finance and accounting, said he gained valuable experience as an intern with Access to Capital for Entrepreneurs, a non-profit micro enterprise lender located in Cleveland that serves 68 counties in north Georgia and metro Atlanta. His classes made him well-prepared for the internship and he also had the chance to hear Muhammad Yunis, the pre-eminent expert on micro-lending.

"I saw him on CNN talking about micro-lending. It was a very cool thing to say 'I've seen him in person before,'" Sutton said.

Also, several North Georgia students and faculty members are working with Frank Norton Jr. of The Norton Agency, a regional insurance and real estate firm based in Gainesville, on his 2011 Native Intelligence forecast. The report, which Norton has been presenting for more than 20 years, features information about the region's economy, leadership and trends to watch. For the 2011 forecast, one of the trends will have been researched and presented by North Georgia students and faculty.



Lecture series brings executives to campus

Debbie Stroud, Quality, Service & Cleanliness vice president for McDonald's Atlanta Region, was one of six executives to speak during the Mike Cottrell School of Business lecture series this fall. Other firms represented in this year's series were the Atlanta Falcons, Coca-Cola Co., Suniva, PepsiCo Food-service and Home Depot. The series marked its second year, started by North Georgia Marketing Instructor Dick McNeil. Plans already are underway for next year's series.

Students LEAD non-profit groups

Associate professor Dr. Mark Jordan runs his class at North Georgia like a business – and he's its chief executive officer. Class sessions are considered business meetings and the students are divided into different divisions such as logistics and technology. The group of students, called the North Georgia Leadership Engagement and Development Group or LEAD Group, has to be on time and on budget.

The class is run like a business for good reason – most of the students taking BUSA 3910-Business Leadership are seniors pursuing bachelor's degrees in the Mike Cottrell School of Business.

"It's been a great experience so far," Jeni Thomas, a student in the class, said. "We have a chance to work on our communication skills and our leadership skills. It's great material."

Developing leaders is an important aspect of North Georgia, a state-designated leadership institution. Students in this class learn leadership skills themselves, and they teach others in the community. This summer, LEAD conducted a leadership development workshop for managers and leaders of nonprofit organizations. Jordan said this year's participation in the workshop, which covers areas identified by nonprofit leaders in a recent survey, was double that of the first two years. Three teams of students – one "company division" was assigned to each topic – spent the first few weeks of class gathering materials on their topic, then spent the next two weeks testing discussion questions and group exercises. Three students, each a division leader, presented the material using slides and multimedia and a team of two facilitators at each table guided workshop participants through group discussion and exercises to reinforce the ideas.

In addition to Thomas, the two other presenters in the workshop were Brittany Kall, who discussed emotional intelligence, and Kyle Jarrard, pictured above right, who discussed motivation.



Alumnus teaches in Afghanistan

In today's tight job market, recent graduates often find themselves having to relocate far from family and friends, but typically not as far away as North Georgia alumnus Jeremy Davis. He has been teaching math in Kabul, Afghanistan, since graduating in 2009.

Before completing his bachelor's degree in math, Davis started North Georgia's Post-Baccalaureate Alternative Certification Program, a year-long program aimed at people who don't have a degree in education. He also began looking for teaching jobs months before graduating. A five-month stint in Senegal the previous year led Davis to search overseas and he applied through Oasis International Schools, which operates schools around the world.

Listing Afghanistan as No. 1 of his three choices of where he would like to teach put his application on the fast track. Despite needing to complete certification, he was hired and boarded a plane for Afghanistan three days after graduation.

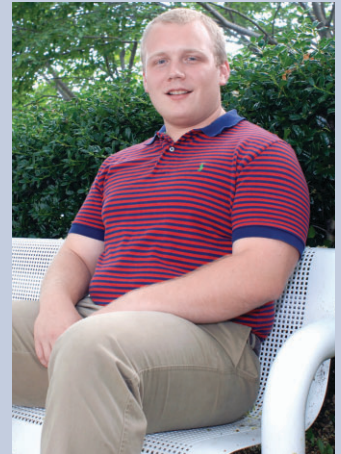
Davis is halfway through his two-year contract teaching math at the International School of Kabul, a multicultural institution with students and teachers from Afghanistan and around the world. Davis said going overseas to complete the internship

required for certification gave him a different perspective.

"I learned how to teach in a multicultural, multi-background way of learning," he said. "With the diversity that we have among our students, we can see how they learn and through that you also learn about different people and cultures. You develop more of a global perspective."

While violence and unrest dominates news stories about Afghanistan, Davis said he has never felt threatened. He also is trying to clear up misconceptions Afghans and Americans have about each other.

"The biggest misconception is when you think Afghanistan, you think Taliban and al Qaida and Osama bin Laden, but that's not the case at all," he said. "Most Afghans hate the Taliban and they don't support terrorist attacks. Most Afghans disagree with the killing of others."



Jeremy Davis is teaching at the International School of Kabul.

North Georgia athletic trainer's actions saved athlete's life

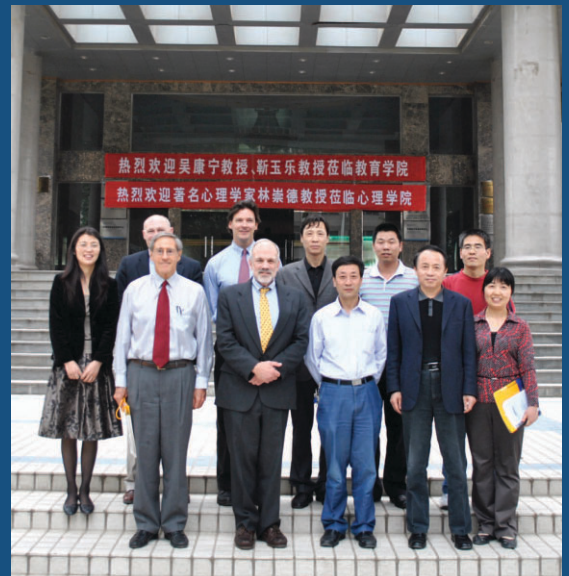
A North Georgia alumna dismisses the term "heroic" used to describe her actions when a football player collapsed during practice this summer. Katie Caughell said she just did what she had been trained to do.

Caughell, who earned a bachelor's degree through the university's Athletic Training Education Program, said, "The ATEP program at North Georgia definitely prepared me for the situation. Of course, it was a very scary situation, but I knew it was important to stay calm and in control; if I kept a level head, everyone around me would follow."

Caughell, an athletic trainer for the North Forsyth High School football team, reacted quickly when Josh Haddock slumped over and began convulsing after complaining of a headache. She called 911, but Haddock also needed immediate care – he was having difficulty breathing and was vomiting. Caughell took steps to make sure he could get enough air and wouldn't choke, continuing until paramedics arrived.

Haddock underwent brain surgery, and doctors and family members say he may not have survived without Caughell's actions. He continues to recover and Caughell has visited him in the hospital.

"I can't tell you the pride I have in my heart when I see a graduate of our program impact another individual's life," said Derek Suranie, coordinator of Athletic Training Program. "All the hard work that our faculty/staff and students put in on a daily basis to ensure that any situation that arises will be handled professionally and calmly has paid off."



Educators collaborate during China visit

Dr. Bob Michael, dean of North Georgia College & State University's School of Education, was among several from the university who visited China in May. Several North Georgia faculty members presented workshops and seminars for educators at Liaocheng University during the visit. Michael is pictured second from left in front row; in back row, Billy Wells and Jim Badger, second and third from left.

Chemistry department earns national accreditation

The chemistry department at North Georgia has earned accreditation from the American Chemical Society, a designation held by only nine other schools in the University System of Georgia.

The designation means that graduates of the department now are eligible for admission as members of the society. ACS, founded in 1876, is a society for those employed in all fields of chemistry and sciences that involve chemistry as well as undergraduate and graduate students pursuing careers in chemistry.

"Congratulations are in order for the current faculty and staff who have been working hard toward this achievement and for the former faculty of the chemistry department who identified this as a goal back in 1949," Dr. Mike Bodri, dean of the School of Science & Health Professions, said. "To put this in context, in regards to the difficulty of ACS approval, in the nation there are 1,200 schools offering a bachelor's chemistry program and a little more than 50 percent are ACS approved. North Georgia is the 663rd in the nation."

The ACS application was put together by Dr. Mike McGinnis, head of North Georgia's chemistry department, who said he was proud of the accomplishment.

"Employers, graduate schools and professional programs have recognized the preparedness of North Georgia's graduates. The ACS designation demonstrates to prospective students and the world that North Georgia's chemistry program is rigorous," McGinnis said.

"ACS-certified graduates complete not only the requisite foundational courses, but also integrated, in-depth courses needed to succeed as a chemist, a teacher, in a health professions career or any other chemistry or non-chemistry related field."

McGinnis' efforts in strengthening the department were applauded not only by Bodri, but also by the ACS Committee on Professional Training, which granted the accreditation.

Dr. Mike McGinnis, head of North Georgia's chemistry department, led efforts to gain national accreditation.



Volunteering for Dentistry From the Heart

On Sept. 11, several North Georgia students took part in the Dentistry From the Heart event at the Lawrenceville office of Dr. Nooreedin Nurani. North Georgia students who participated in Dentistry From the Heart this year were: Jonathan Taylor, Susanna Davidson, Justin Reynolds, Melissa Chin Loy, Meghan Riggan, Joy Arthur, and Corina Oltean.

Math professors awarded nearly \$400,000 grant to study best practices in statistics

Perhaps no other class strikes fear in students as statistics, but two math professors at North Georgia have been awarded a nearly \$400,000 grant from the National Science Foundation to study the best practices for teaching the course.



Drs. Dianna Spence and Brad Bailey

In the first phase of the project, Sinn and Spence developed curriculum materials that were tested with a regional pilot group. In the second phase, Spence and Bailey will expand and improve the materials and test them at colleges and universities nationwide. Both professors are excited about the chance to share their work nationally.

"Our primary goal is to improve the way that students learn statistics by making authentic projects part of their learning experience," Bailey said. "In addition, our research in this phase should give us insight into the nature of the challenges an instructor faces when guiding students in the implementation of such projects."

Drs. Dianna Spence and Brad Bailey, both associate professors of mathematics at North Georgia, will be continuing the three-year project called Authentic Discovery Projects in Introductory Statistics started by Spence and Dr. Robb Sinn. The four-year grant in the amount of \$396,993 was announced in September.

North Georgia's cadets rank among top in nation

The Corps of Cadets at North Georgia continued its tradition of excellence this year with 11 cadets ranked in the top 20 percent on the U.S. Army's National Order of Merit List and a top-place showing at the Leader Development & Assessment Course (LDAC).

The National Order of Merit List is compiled using cadets' results from LDAC, overall grade point averages, ROTC grades, Army Physical Fitness Test scores, and extracurricular activities. The list ranks cadets in Army ROTC programs from some 1,300 college and university campuses based on those criteria.

This year, there were more than 5,300 cadets on the list and the difference between cadets sometimes was just fractions of a point, according to COL Michael Pyott, North Georgia's professor of military science.

"I think our cadets did fine, and I'm pleased with their performance," Pyott said. "We had cadets ranked in the top 2, 3 and 4 percent in the nation, and I'm very proud of that."

This summer, 75 North Georgia cadets completed LDAC training at Fort Lewis, Wash. North Georgia had the highest number of cadets rated in the top five of their individual platoons, and the university's cadets also received the highest peer evaluation ranking of all participants.



Corps of Cadets exceeds 750 this fall, Golf Company revived

As is the trend this year with the student body in general, the Corps of Cadets at North Georgia is bigger than it ever has been – numbering around 760. For the first time in decades, the Corps of Cadets at North Georgia has revived an eighth company and moved into a new residence hall. The university's Boar's Head Brigade hasn't included eight companies since Golf Company was disbanded in about the mid-1970s, according to COL Tom Palmer, the university's commandant of cadets and a North Georgia alumnus.

While the corps' growth could have been handled by just making the existing companies bigger, having an eighth company helps fulfill North Georgia's mission of developing leaders, Palmer said.

"Because of the steady growth of the corps over the last six or seven years, we decided to stand up Golf Company to accommodate the growth and also provide leadership opportunities for a maximum number of cadets," he said, explaining that adding the eighth company opens up another 21 leadership positions for sophomores, juniors and seniors.

The growth can be attributed to new national recruiting campaigns and that are increasing interest in North Georgia, Keith Antonia, the university's director of cadet recruiting, said. Recruiting efforts that are bringing more cadets to North Georgia are necessitated by the U.S. Army's request for more officers from the nation's service academies and senior military colleges – a total of 85 a year from North Georgia alone.

North Georgia is one of only six senior military colleges in the United States. The others are The Citadel, Norwich University, Texas A&M, Virginia Military Institute, and Virginia Tech.



Female cadet finishes second in class at Mountain Warfare School

Cadet Vanessa Pizarro, left, shows a fellow cadet how to tie a knot during practice for the Corps of Cadets' Mountain Order of Colombo. Pizarro, the only female member of Colombo, missed earning a perfect score this summer at the U.S. Army's Mountain Warfare School, located in Jericho, Vt., by just three points. She finished second in the course. Members of the class included other Army ROTC cadets from around the country and active duty and National Guard soldiers.



North Georgia set to charter Athletics Hall of Fame

North Georgia College & State University is establishing an Athletics Hall of Fame, with the first class of honorees to be inducted in January 2011, during Homecoming Weekend.

The Athletics Hall of Fame will honor individuals who have earned outstanding athletic achievement or made substantial contribution to the university.

"I look forward to honoring those inductees who exemplify North Georgia's commitment to academics, community, sportsmanship and athletic excellence," Acting Director of Athletics Lindsay Reeves said of the new initiative.

The first induction ceremony will take place Friday, Jan. 28, 2011. The first class of honorees will be honored in a ceremony the following day as part of homecoming festivities. The North Georgia basketball teams take on Armstrong Atlantic, a Peach Belt Conference opponent.

"This will be a great way to recognize and honor the people whose participation and contributions enriched and strengthened the university's athletic program," Reeves said.

An athlete is eligible for Hall of Fame consideration if the individual graduated from North Georgia or played at least two seasons at the university. Eligible athletes must have been out of championship competition for a minimum of five years.

Former North Georgia coaches also are eligible for consideration, but must have coached for at least five years. Coaches also may be selected for their work at another institution if they are a former athlete at North Georgia and have demonstrated outstanding coaching achievement at another institution for at least five years.

Both athlete and coach nominees must have been previously recognized locally, regionally or nationally.

Individuals also may be selected as a major contributor if they have made a significant impact upon the athletics program. Significant impact may be in service, monetary, or in-kind support over an extended period of time.

The honorees will be announced in December.



Smith leads Lady Saints soccer

North Georgia's women's soccer team, led by senior All-American Casey Smith, had a great season in 2010, including tallying an 11-game winning streak and being ranked in the top 25 in the NCAA Division II Coaches Poll. Smith holds the Peach Belt Conference's all-time career record for assists with 13, a number which also put her on top nationally for assists.

Reeves named acting director of athletics



Lindsay Reeves, in her tenth year with North Georgia, was named acting director of athletics in June.

Reeves spent three years as associate director of athletics and senior women's administrator before being named to her current post when Randy Dunn retired after 28 years with the university.

Reeves graduated from Ithaca College with a BS in Physical Education and received her master's in exercise physiology from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

She is married to Dave Reeves and they have a son Tim, 23, and a daughter Kelley, 21.

Other changes in the department included David Beall, in his fourth year as the sports communications director, being promoted to assistant athletic director for sports communications and Derek Suranie, in his fifth year as the athletic training coordinator, being named acting associate director of athletics. Denise Bryant was promoted to acting senior women's administrator.

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Second Nature

Artist captures images on canvas

By Kate Maine

Whether it's a polar bear's hair, a bird's feathers or the sun's rays filtering through a forest, the details in Jay Kemp's photorealistic paintings depict the fine points of nature that most of us will never observe up close.

Jay Kemp grew up in a family of athletes and even played baseball in college, but he always loved to draw. A native of Gainesville, Ga., Kemp first attended Anderson College, a junior college at the time, on a baseball scholarship, but found his true calling as an artist at North Georgia College & State University, where he was awarded an art scholarship and graduated with an art marketing degree in 1990. Kemp's early work focused on drawing, and then in his senior year at North Georgia, he began painting.

"That's when things started to really click with me," Kemp said. "I got more inspired the more I did it, and by the time I graduated, I was selling paintings."

One of Kemp's most valued mentors is Win Crannell, now professor emeritus in the Department of Fine Arts, where he taught for 29 years.

"Jay is one of those lucky people with natural ability, but he also works hard," Crannell said. "I didn't give him much guidance, but I did tell him that if he wanted to make a living at this, you've got to be able to paint."

"He gave me confidence," Kemp said. "I had hundreds of people tell me I was crazy, that I was wasting my time; that I'd never make a dime. It was nice to have Win, who was a teacher and knew a lot about art, say, 'Don't listen to them, you're different. You can do it.' I may not have tried it if it weren't for him. He convinced me that I might have something in my work that would speak to people."

Kemp also considers former professor Tommye Scanlin a great influence. "She had a great work ethic and always gave me good advice, along with being a great teacher," he said.

Today, Kemp is one of the country's pre-eminent wildlife



The texture illustrated in this painting highlights Kemp's photorealistic detail.



"Working Lab" is the painting that gained Kemp's nomination as the 2011 Artist of the Year for Ducks Unlimited, an international wildlife conservation organization.



Jay Kemp and his family live on Lake Lanier, a setting that does provide some inspiration.

artists. Most of his original paintings, some of which fetch thousands of dollars each, are sold through word of mouth, as collectors discover his work.

A finalist for Ducks Unlimited's 2011 Artist of the Year award, Kemp's work has recently secured him contracts with Ducks Unlimited Canada and Ducks Unlimited International, separate organizations with a shared goal of conserving wetlands. He also works with other conservation organizations like the National Wildlife Federation and the National Wild Turkey Federation, which sell prints to support their efforts.

An avid outdoorsman, Kemp has honed his natural talent through first-hand observation and close study of the creatures and scenery that he loves. He enjoys the diversity and challenge of painting wildlife.

"Nature and wildlife is something that is always changing. I see things in nature that other people don't have the opportunity to see. It's challenging; wild animals don't hold still," he said. "They're fascinating, they're beautiful, and they can be dangerous...it's so

diverse. I've always had an interest in wildlife and nature; it's just kind of my thing."

Kemp particularly enjoys depicting close-up views of animals and emphasizes textural elements like feathers and fur to bring his subjects to life. He starts with tangible reference material, but takes artistic license from there.

"A lot of times, my paintings would not be 100 percent accurate; they're almost better than life," he said. "There are things I do to the painting to give it more life, more depth and more atmosphere. There's nothing in any of my paintings that was an accident."

Kemp also paints landscapes where wildlife may be a very small part of the work. Whether focused on animals or beautiful scenery, Kemp's paintings use light as an essential element.

"Sometimes, I like fairly dramatic lighting. Other times, I like it soft. A lot of times, soft light on subjects shows a little more detail or intricacy and the contrast isn't as high...other times, I like real moody lighting or back lighting. The light describes the shape or form of the animals. Most of

my paintings have an atmosphere to them."

In his studio, he's currently working on a painting that features a red tail hawk perched upon a fence post and surrounded by an ethereal foggy mist.

"It's really challenging to pull it off because of the subtle changes in tone."

Like many creative types, Kemp is his own worst critic.

"I sometimes talk myself out of doing a painting if I don't think the idea is good enough," he said. "I set my standards as high as I can, I try to do the absolute best that I can, but I never feel like I'm close."

The best solution for creative blocks, Kemp said, is just to dig in and keep painting.

"The best ideas and the best painting come when you're painting," he said. "Things happen while you're painting, sometimes it's by chance...occasionally, you come up with a special painting."

Kemp will soon be starting a large painting of a bull elk with some cows and spent nine days in Canada with Charlie Alsheimer, a professional outdoor writer and photographer, to observe and photograph the animals in their natural habitat.

"It's just the most unbelievable scenery and setting...and these huge elk," Kemp said and went on to describe ice fields, mountains that looked like rock castles, and aspen trees that were beginning to take on their fall color.

He plans a trip to Africa soon. "It gives you a little more inspiration to get out and see different parts of the country or world. For these big paintings, you have to 'start with a full tank.' You have to have an idea that you're passionate about," he said.

"I have told students that if you really have the passion for art, you have so much stuff going on in your head that you'll never be able to do it all in your lifetime," Crannell recalled. "I think Jay's like that."

To contact Jay Kemp, phone 770-531-7414.

Life-changing EDUCATION



Teaching to make a difference

By Edie Rogers

While teachers across the nation may tell horror stories of their students' miserable home lives, North Georgia College & State University alumnus Bernex "Bernie" Richardson can top them all — a 10-year-old boy who has to be the "father" of his household or physical punishment that borders on abuse.



"When my kids are in my four walls, their lives are perfect, but as soon as they get on the bus, it changes," Richardson, who teaches reading at a New Orleans elementary school, said. "I'm lucky enough to have a subject and a class where we can create another world for some of these kids because that's exactly what they need — a place where they are the most popular person and the most loved person they know."

Richardson graduated from North Georgia in 2008 with a degree in music education, having followed his older brother, Mark, to North Georgia on a music scholarship at the urging of parents Sandra and Mark Richardson. A younger brother, Kyle, is a current North Georgia student and youngest brother Sean, 6, is destined

for Dahlonega as well.

Richardson found his way to New Orleans through the Teach for America program. His curiosity was piqued by a Teach for America flier he saw on campus while finishing up his master's degree at the University of Pennsylvania. A little research convinced Richardson the program would be a perfect fit for him.

"Teach for America was aligned to what I wanted to do and how I aligned my philosophy of teaching," he said. "I really wanted to go to schools that were labeled underperforming. I wanted to help the children and raise their expectations."

In the program, recent graduates like Richardson commit two years to teach low-income students in urban and rural public schools. In preparing himself for

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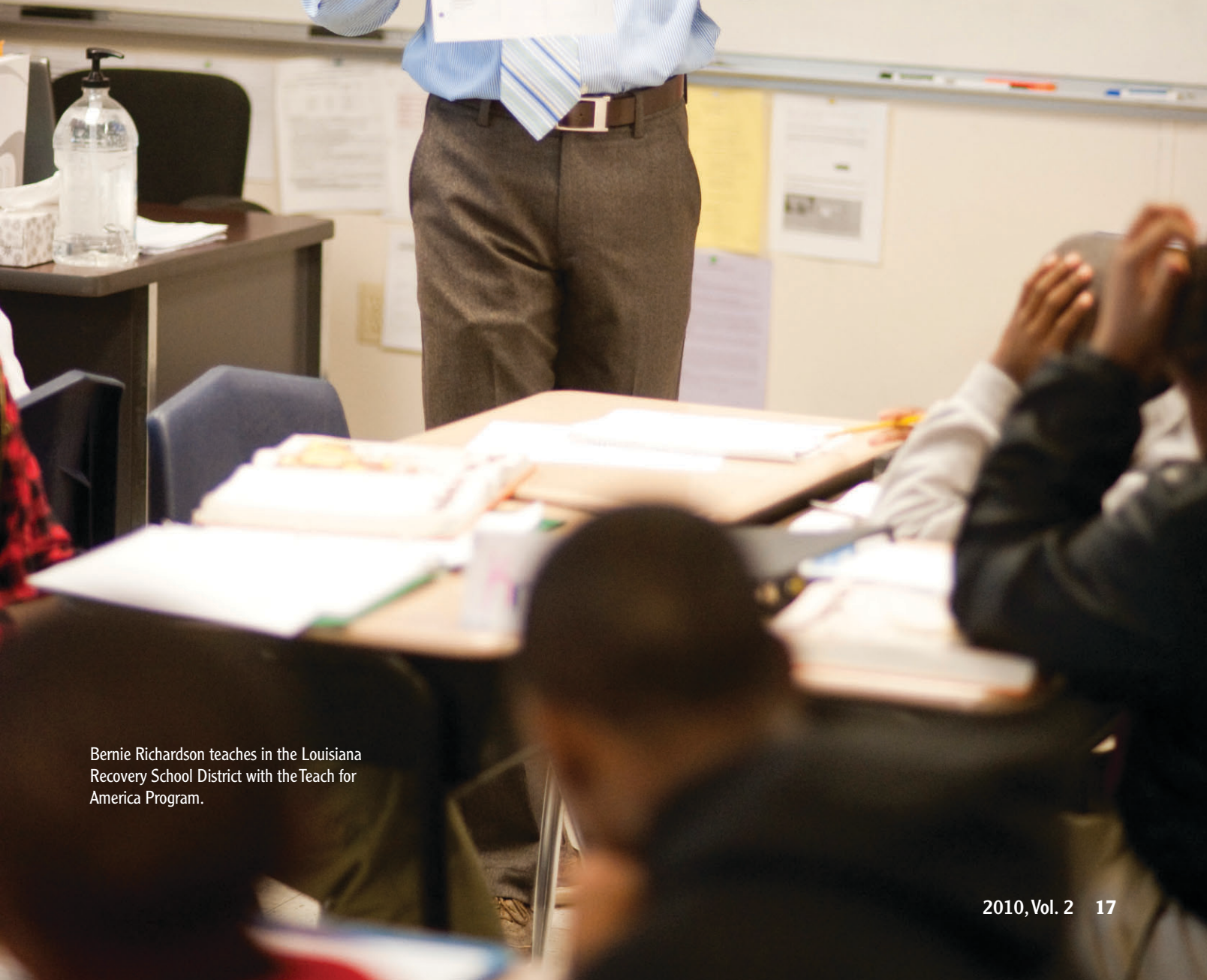
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Bernie Richardson teaches in the Louisiana Recovery School District with the Teach for America Program.



The fifth-graders Richardson taught last year became the top-performing students in the Louisiana Recovery School District and were ranked third in their end-of-year tests.

his assignment in New Orleans, Richardson said he imagined encountering students who couldn't read and teachers who didn't care. But that's not exactly what he found at Mary D. Coghill Accelerated School.

"It wasn't as bad as what I had envisioned based on the news articles. We do have underperforming students, but the teachers at my school are the hardest working community of teachers I've ever seen," Richardson said.

"At the same time, I really feel like the schools are fighting a battle against the local society and that's what's challenging for our students academically. You can have the best school and the best administration in the world, but you're

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not going to win without putting 150 percent of your energy into the battle.”

Even before Hurricane Katrina

devastated the Gulf Coast in 2005, students in New Orleans already were falling far behind their grade level in reading and other basic skills, Richardson said. After Katrina, Teach for America increased its presence in New Orleans to help bring the students up to grade level and, at least in Richardson's classes, those efforts are paying off.

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Richardson said the leadership skills he honed at North Georgia help him every day in the classroom.

“My experience at North Georgia

was so ingrained that I struggle to articulate how I gained those leadership skills,” Richardson said. “It is so ingrained in what I am now. Being in the Corps of Cadets and upholding that strong sense of integrity – I carry that with me every day working in the school district.”

In addition to holding leadership roles in student government and the Corps of Cadets at North Georgia, Richardson also was involved in sports, Greek life, musical and vocal ensembles, and INTRO. He served as an INTRO leader for four years, one of the few North Georgia students ever to do so. He was selected as a Paul M. Hutcher-son Outstanding Student by North Georgia’s Alumni Association and currently is a member of the association’s Alumni Council.

“I love North Georgia. Even as a student, I was just happy for the opportunities I had to grow as a leader, and I think the opportunities I had kept me involved in my academics,” he said. “It’s hard for me to believe that I would have had the same experience at another school. A lot of the staff and faculty obviously were involved in my success, and I really appreciated it.”

Those who watched Richardson grow into a young man at North Georgia said he always had leadership potential, the university just brought out those qualities.

Richardson was Student Government Association president for two years, a position that also meant he served on the Student Advisory Committee to the University System of Georgia’s Board of Regents.

Wes Thomas, a 1976 North Georgia graduate and now associate dean for student involvement, worked as advisor for the group while Richardson was on the committee and called him one of the most outstanding student leaders

he’s worked with in his 30-plus years at North Georgia.

“Though SAC does not have formal leaders, Bernie quickly became a driving force in the group. He is a natural leader and one of those people who seem never to have met a stranger,” Thomas said. “He jumped right in with SGA presidents from across the University System of Georgia and Board of

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Regents staff members still ask about Bernie.”

Richardson was North Georgia’s SGA president during the planning and construction of the university’s Student Recreation Center, a project financed through student fees. North Georgia Chief of Police Michael Stapleton said Richardson’s leadership was key in the project.

“Bernie brought some of those leadership qualities with him, but here they blossomed. SGA was where I saw Bernie really come into his skills,” Stapleton said. “He was the right person at the right time to get the recreation center done. The students were favorable about it, but he helped sell that idea and was kind of a com-

munity builder.”

Stapleton also knew Richardson on a personal level, as he was a close friend of Stapleton’s son, Tommy, through participation in the corps and Golden Eagle Band. Richardson said the Stapletons became a second family for him when his own family moved to Virginia. Richardson jokingly calls Stapleton and wife Debbie “Dad” and “Mom” and joined the family on vacations.

“He’s just a pleasure to be around and a really neat person,” Stapleton said. He keeps in touch with Richardson and joked about still having some of his belongings.

Thomas said that Richardson loves a challenge and he will excel at anything he attempts.

“I was so proud when Bernie decided to go to graduate school and seek a career as a student affairs administrator. It seemed such a natural fit for him,” Thomas said. “As Bernie completed his master’s degree, he told me that he had been ‘soul searching’ and had decided to go in a different direction.

I was even more proud when Bernie announced his decision to go to New Orleans and teach disadvantaged students. I know that he’s making a difference in their lives.”

Richardson isn’t sure what his next step will be after completing his two-year commitment to Teach for America at the end of the 2010-11 school year, but he’s found his vocation – education.

Richardson said he has thought about continuing with Teach for America, returning to Georgia to teach or even pursuing additional degrees in school leadership. No matter where Richardson’s path may lead him, those who knew him at North Georgia have no doubt he’ll succeed.

BEHIND ENEMY LINES

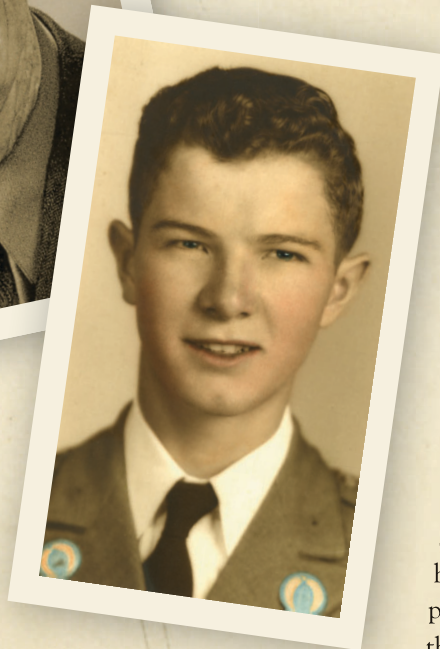
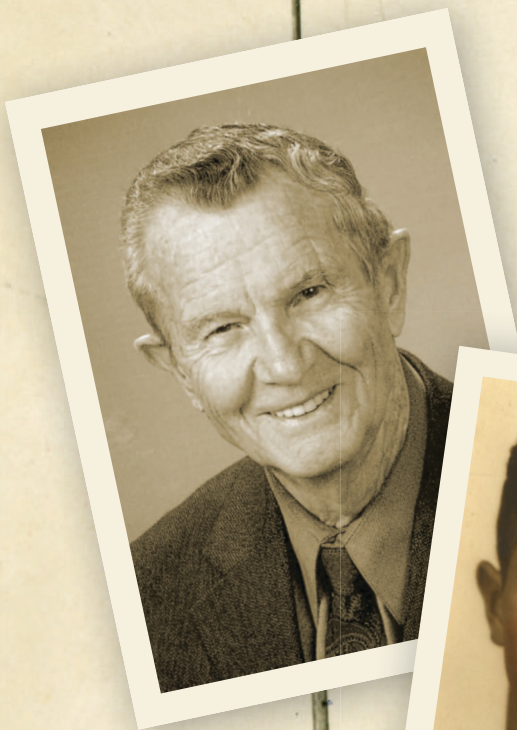


Malcom led top-secret missions in Korea

By Ron Martz

During the spring of 1949, the American flag at North Georgia College got stuck at the top of an 80-foot flagpole. Officials were debating how to get the flag down without dismantling the pole when a quiet, unassuming third-year cadet from Monroe, Ga., walked into the office of John Forrest, then the Commandant of Cadets, and announced: "I can get that flag down."

Forrest, a crusty World War II veteran, looked suspiciously at the cadet. The fresh-faced student had done nothing to distinguish himself at the school, and Forrest was reluctant to allow him or anyone else to try such a dangerous rescue. Yet there was something quietly reassuring and confident about this cadet, so Forrest nodded his approval. The cadet took off his shoes and socks and, using his feet as a second pair of hands, a trick he had learned as a youngster climbing pine trees in central Georgia, scaled the pole, loosened the flag, and came back to earth safely.



"When I got to the top, the pole was all rusty and I kept sliding back. And the wind was blowing so hard I wasn't sure if the pole was going to snap before I could get the flag loose," retired Army Colonel Ben Malcom, a 1950 North Georgia graduate, chuckled as he recalled that day.

Lowering the flag earned him Forrest's gratitude and \$25 for doing what no one else was willing, or able, to do.

Within a few months, Malcom was in summer camp, leading the North Georgia College Aggressor Platoon in exercises through the woods at Fort Benning with such confidence and expertise that his cadets routinely won their engagements.

His instructors were so impressed with his leadership skills that his stature in the corps began to rise steadily, and he became a platoon leader in Charlie Company that year. By spring, he was in the top ten percent of his class, earning him the designation of Distinguished Military Graduate as he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the Army.

LEADING MISSIONS

Less than two years later, Malcom was running top-secret missions behind enemy lines in Korea as the head of a unit of North Korean defectors known as the "White Tigers." What seemed to be the undoable was becoming commonplace for Malcom.

"I always felt comfortable conducting unconventional warfare operations," Malcom said. "I had grown up on a farm and had spent all of my childhood in the fields and woods around the farm trying to outguess the animals and what they were going to do. I just applied the same sort of skills when it came to operations behind enemy lines."

Perhaps it was the quiet confidence



Ben Malcom led partisan fighters, known as the White Tigers, in Special Ops missions during the Korean War.

and professionalism that Malcom displayed throughout the first two years of his military career that brought him to the attention of Army officials in Korea. In 1952, he was on his way to the 3rd Infantry Division in the war zone when he was intercepted in Tokyo and told a car was waiting to take him downtown for an interview about a reassignment. Unknown to him, Army investigators had already completed a lengthy investigation into his background to determine if he was suitable for what was a particularly sensitive assignment.

After a quick briefing in Tokyo, Malcom was assigned to an outfit that bore the designation 8240th Army Unit. While the name gave no clue to its mission, Malcom learned it involved sending North Korean defectors back across the lines for unconventional warfare operations in enemy territory.

The partisan fighters were parachuted in, sent across the lines on foot dressed in North Korean uniforms, or dropped off on the beaches of North

Korea by sail junks. Their missions involved disrupting communications and logistics lines, robbing banks, counterfeiting North Korean money, assassinating leaders, and any other sort of mayhem they could carry out. Only a few Americans were involved, and only a few more knew about these secretive operations. The unit's missions were so sensitive that they were classified for more than 40 years.

Only after Malcom decided to write a book about his exploits, and he and his co-author filed Freedom of Information Act requests with the CIA and the Army to declassify documents, did the true story of the 8240th start to come out.

Malcom was assigned to a small island called Paengnyong-do (pronounced PING-yong-dough) 125 miles behind enemy lines off the West Coast of Korea. He trained and supervised partisan fighters who were sent on incredibly dangerous missions deep into North Korea.

Not content to sit behind and wait

out the missions, Malcom on occasion would don Korean garb and accompany the men he trained. If he were captured, he knew he would be shot as a spy and not held as a prisoner of war.

On one foray into North Korea, the White Tigers destroyed an artillery piece that had been hampering their activities in the waters off the coast. Malcom accompanied them and called in air support and naval gunfire to help his fighters overcome a superior North Korean force guarding the artillery position. For that action, he later was

in his arm, which he carries with him to this day. But he was told he could not apply for the Purple Heart because the operation was too sensitive to be written about or even talked about. It was much the same when he applied for the coveted Combat Infantryman's Badge, sometimes known as the Blue Badge of Courage, which signifies combat against an enemy force for those who serve in the infantry.

What he did was so secret that the paperwork for the award was routinely shelved, and it took him 12 years to

North Georgia.

In 1964, he was sent to Vietnam as an adviser. Although he had significant experience in unconventional warfare, and was among those few soldiers who served as a crucial link between the special operations of the Office of Strategic Services in World War II and the Army's Special Forces of Vietnam, he was assigned to do personnel work. His opinions on how to deal with the Viet Cong guerrilla forces, which were operating in a manner similar to the White Tigers he led in Korea, were never sought. Nor were the lessons learned from his experiences de-classified in time for those Army officers fighting an insurgency in Vietnam to learn from them.

AFTER RETIREMENT

Malcom retired from the Army in 1979 after 29 years of service, his last assignment as commanding officer of Fort McPherson in Atlanta, Fort Gillem in Forest Park, and Fort Buchanan in Puerto Rico.

In 1999, after a second career as a businessman, he began to focus on the numerous speaking opportunities he was receiving after the publication of his book *White Tigers: My Secret War in North Korea*. The book, now in its third printing, has been translated into Korean and was serialized in 17 parts in a Korean magazine.

Among the Army's Special Forces, his feats in Korea are the stuff of legends. He regularly speaks at the Army's John F. Kennedy Special Warfare Center and School at Fort Bragg, where soldiers are stunned to learn that Malcom was a one-man show with the White Tigers.

"That's when their eyes really light up," he said, "because the smallest unit they are likely to deal with usually is four people. What they are doing is the same thing we were doing but with a



Some of Malcom's missions in Korea involved rescuing downed pilots.

awarded the Silver Star, the nation's third highest combat decoration for valor.

That particular mission also has been memorialized by the History Channel in a documentary titled "Heroes Under Fire: The White Tigers," which first aired in 2005 and features Malcom's behind-the-lines operations.

Despite the danger inherent in such missions, Malcom was wounded only once, taking a small piece of shrapnel

convince the Army bureaucracy to allow him the privilege of wearing the CIB.

"I got a lot of strange looks from commanders whenever I was assigned to a new post because here I had a Silver Star and no CIB. They were very suspicious about that," Malcom said.

Malcom stayed in the Army after Korea, rather than go into teaching and coaching high school sports with the education degree he had earned at

few more men.”

He has donated several war souvenirs he brought home with him out of North Korea to the Airborne & Special Operations Museum in Fayetteville, N.C., near Fort Bragg. Among them are Russian and North Korean flags, a picture of Joseph Stalin, North Korean money (real and counterfeit), several North Korean military ID cards, a North Korean safe conduct pass, and a Chinese army Christmas Card that reads: “Go home and the war will cease.”

Malcom also speaks on occasion about his experiences at the Army’s Command and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, where generals-in-waiting are trained.

Malcom has been a strong advocate for veterans and worked several years

at the National Museum of Patriotism in Atlanta. But it has been the Military Retiree Council, which represents 140,000 retirees and their dependents throughout North Georgia, where Malcom’s leadership skills have played a major role.

In 1983, he was instrumental in the formation of the Georgia Federal Military Retiree Coalition, which fought for, and eventually won, graduated tax exemption on retiree income for former federal employees living in Georgia.

Earlier this year, Malcom was inducted into the university’s Alumni Hall of Fame in recognition of his many accomplishments. Still active at the age of 81, he plays racquetball seven days a week and speaks to various groups and organizations at least once a month.

Although he has not returned to Korea since the publication of his book, he said he would like to go back to meet the surviving members of the White Tigers who have honored him with a written recommendation that he be considered for the Medal of Honor for his work with the Koreans.

“I don’t know if anything will ever come of that because there aren’t any witnesses left to what we did, and the Medal of Honor takes eyewitness testimony to back up the recommendation,” he said.

Given his penchant for doing the unexpected, it would not surprise anyone if that award was approved.

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Alumni Career Network

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Deciding a major, or deciding what to do with a major, can be a challenge. Students often want to know what North Georgia alumni are doing and would benefit from a conversation about the various fields that alumni find themselves in.

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Historic Tanyard Creek Park
in the heart of Atlanta

It all began as a student at North Georgia.

In 1974, Greg Blount received one of the first scholarships awarded by the North Georgia College & State University Foundation. With its impressive liberal arts program and leadership opportunities in the Corps of Cadets, North Georgia provided an excellent platform for his plans to become an attorney.

Today, Greg is an environmental lawyer and partner with international law firm Troutman Sanders. With nearly 30 years experience, he has worked as an Assistant Attorney General, in-house counsel to Georgia's Department of Natural Resources and national environmental counsel for a Fortune 50 company. Recognized as one of the country's leading environmental lawyers, he actively counsels local governments in the Tri-State Water Wars.

For Greg, like so many other outstanding leaders in the state, it all goes back to the values that defined his education at North Georgia. "The discipline of the military with its absolute truths, balanced by the liberal arts program and its metaphorical search for truth... as an attorney, those values are my foundation."

— Greg Blount, 1978 North Georgia graduate

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EDUCATION FOR LIFE AND LEADERSHIP

North Georgia enters a new era



Dr. Andrew J. Leavitt

Vice President for
Advancement &
Executive Director,
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As North Georgia continues to lead the way in academics and leadership development, the economics of how we preserve this tradition and the role you can play have changed.

Due to the national and state economic situation, the level of financial support we receive from the state has fallen below 50 percent of the university's operating budget for the first time in our history.

Tuition paid by students and parents now constitutes the greater share of the cost of a college education. Doing more with less is a way of life on campus. We are working smarter and placing future plans on hold to fulfill our commitment to current students to provide a world-class education.

We are balancing these financial challenges with increased enrollment demands, and North Georgia continues to thrive due to the dedicated faculty, staff and students. We have seen record enrollment and high-quality students, the Corps of Cadets has never been larger, and a major initiative is underway to internationalize our campus and prepare our students for global opportunities through language and culture immersion programs. The energy and enthusiasm on campus is high.

To maintain the extraordinary momentum of this institution, phi-

lanthropy must become a significant funding source for the university. Alumni and friends have previously provided the "margin of excellence" that enhanced our programs. Now, we call upon you to meet the mounting unmet need of our academic programs, the Corp of Cadets, athletics, and our co-curricular programs.

Last year 7 percent of our alumni gave about \$1.2 million in scholarship and program support. This support was much appreciated and critical to attract and retain great students and faculty. A place for us to start for the current year is to simply double both of these numbers.

Additionally, we have about 2,800 dues-paying members of the Alumni Association toward an ambitious goal of 10,000 members over the next few years. Your support and involvement are crucial to the university's mission.

We need your support. If you are a current donor, thank you very much for your continued loyal support. If you have not donated in a while or have never donated, we would be most grateful for your support.

Together, we can continue to strengthen North Georgia and ensure its bright future through your support and involvement.

Gifts made to the university are essential today to maintain the high level of excellence our students and cadets are achieving and the university's ability to instill timeless values in its students. We encourage and challenge all alumni to support your beloved institution through a gift to the North Georgia Fund today. We have placed a return envelope in this issue for your convenience. Thank you for your support!

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located at 60 West Main Street on the third floor
of the university's Downtown Office Building.

Volunteers, leaders honored at Celebrate North Georgia

The university honored more than 200 volunteers and donors in August at “Celebrate North Georgia.” The event, held in the Library Technology Center, was the first time the university’s volunteer advisory groups had been assembled at one time, and it served as an opportunity for the university to share information about academic initiatives, achievements and future plans.

Presentations were made by President David L. Potter; Dr. Patricia Donat, acting vice president of academic affairs; Mac McConnell, vice president for business and finance; and COL (R) Tom Palmer, commandant of cadets.

The volunteers recognized were members of the NGCSU Foundation Board of Trustees, the NGCSU Alumni Council, the Mike Cottrell School of Business Advisory Council, the Corps Advisory Council, the School of Science & Health Professions Advisory Board, the Information Technology Advisory

Board, the Georgia Appalachian Studies Center Advisory Board, the Athletic Hall of Fame Advisory Board, the Department of Visual Arts Council, the NGCSU Real Estate Foundation Board, and the Planned Giving Advisory Council.

Potter thanked the group for their involvement in the life of the university and said, “You are a wonderful blend of alumni, friends, faculty and staff. You represent a huge talent base from diverse career fields, and your expertise and knowledge are invaluable to us.”

The highlight of the evening was the presentation of the inaugural Presidential Leadership Award to George E. Coleman, Jr., an alumnus and trustee of the North Georgia College & State University Foundation.

“For generations, this institution has played an essential role in the development of military, professional and civic leaders who make a positive difference in the lives of others – whether that is in

their local community, the region or in the far corners of the world...George has provided nearly a lifetime of service to the university’s philanthropic foundation. He has served on the board of trustees as a respected advisor and influential leader for three decades. He truly lives and demonstrates all of the university’s core values,” Potter said in presenting the award.



President David Potter (right) presented George Coleman with the first Presidential Leadership Award.

Advancement office welcomes new staff this fall

The Office of Institutional Advancement welcomed staff members in some new roles this fall. Institutional Advancement, which encompasses development, advancement information services, alumni relations, and university relations, plays a vital role in generating private financial support for the university.

Phil Collins '75 is the new director of alumni relations and annual giving. He also serves as executive director of the Alumni Association, a dues-based membership organization for North Georgia alumni. Collins owned and operated an executive search firm for more than two decades.



Phil Collins

Collins previously served on the Alumni Council and was named the university’s Distinguished Alumnus in 1999. Collins served in the U.S. Army in military intelligence and earned his MBA at

Mercer University in 1983. Collins’ brother, sister-in-law and two nieces are North Georgia graduates, and one of his daughters is a freshman at North Georgia this year.



Parker Halstead

on young alumni programming. Halstead’s grandfather is also a North Georgia alumnus.

Mike Banks is the development officer for the Mike Cottrell School of Business and is charged with raising funds and support specifically for the Mike Cottrell School of Business. Banks comes to North Georgia after two decades in



Mike Banks

the banking industry in Gainesville. He served as group president of First National Bank of Gainesville and later senior vice president of GB&T Bancshares. He also formerly served as vice president for development at Brenau University in Gainesville. Banks is a graduate of the University of Georgia.

Will Carter is the athletics development officer and is working closely with the athletic department to raise funds and support for the university’s teams and student athletes. Carter attended North Georgia, where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets and was involved in basketball and intramural football. An entrepreneur, Carter purchased his first business in 1989 and has been involved in real estate and restaurant ownership. He also currently serves as president of the Saints Club.



Will Carter

Scholarship event honors students and donors

More than 200 students, families and donors attended a Scholarship Luncheon held at North Georgia in September.

"Donors and their representatives like to see how their gifts are making a difference," Jeff Boggan, director of development, told the audience. "We want students and their families to know that the scholarship awards you have received represent so much more than money; there are stories behind every scholarship."

The annual event gives students who have received scholarships a chance to meet the donors and their representatives. This year, nearly 300 awards given for fall semester through the North Georgia College & State University Foundation totaled more than \$680,000 from 97 different funds – averaging more than \$2,300 per student. The amount does not include any state or federal scholarship awards, which are not managed by the foundation.

The NGCSU Foundation, Inc. is a Georgia non-profit corporation with the purpose of receiving, investing and administering the private support of the university. A Board of Trustees, made up of North Georgia alumni and friends, administers and invests charitable gifts to maximize the value of gifts to the university.

Attention Rifle Team fans!

Shooting sports has a long history at North Georgia. The traditional, NCAA rifle team competes in indoor smallbore competition and air rifle competition. Their group includes Olympic-style pistol competitors. The Corps of Cadets' shooting sports team competes against U.S. Army teams.

Both teams rely on your gifts to support their activities, and we have created separate funds to support these two different teams. The NCAA team is supported by the Intercollegiate Rifle Team fund, and the military marksmen are supported by the Combat Shooting Sports fund. As you make your gifts, please indicate which team you wish to support.

Community pays tribute to Owens

North Georgia College & State University, in conjunction with the Dahlonega Sunrise Rotary Club, paid tribute to

Dr. and Mrs. John Owen, former president and first lady of the university, in April. President David Potter praised the Owens, saying, "Their dedication to the university and its students and to this community has made a

difference to countless lives and to the quality of life enjoyed here in Dahlonega. Their work established a foundation of success from which we have all benefitted."



Mixing fun and philanthropy

Class reunion gifts create scholarships

As alumni share their student experiences, the stories carry a familiar refrain: North Georgia is where they created lifelong friendships and learned values that shaped their lives. So, it's no surprise that class reunions can be an emotional time to renew old friendships and connect with the alumni "family" that is so important to our graduates.



The class of 1969 has been working to fund the David B. "Snake" Wood Memorial Merit Scholarship in memory of their former classmate. The fund will help North Georgia cadets.

Reunions can also be opportunities for classes to combine their efforts to leave a legacy to their alma mater and to generations of future students. At North Georgia, several classes have chosen class reunions as occasions to raise money from classmates to create endowed class scholarships, supporting generations of future students.

Six North Georgia classes have created scholarship funds, which continue to build as additional gifts are made and as investment earnings are added over time. The North Georgia classes of 1940, 1951, 1952, 1957, 1961, and 1969 have all established scholarship funds.

In the next few months, the classes of 1951 and 1961 will celebrate their 60th and 50th anniversaries, respectively. Their generous efforts to provide support to North Georgia students have resulted in the Class of 1951 Scholarship Fund, valued at almost \$140,000, and the Class of 1961 Scholarship Fund close behind at more than \$110,000. These funds represent the collective contributions made to date, but they also provide the opportunity for future gifts through reunion gifts, estate gifts, and gifts made to honor special people. These classes have demonstrated selfless determination and leadership to leave a strong legacy that will benefit future generations of North Georgia students and alumni.

Alumni enjoy gatherings near and far



Linda Appling Sumpter '61
President, NGCSU Alumni Association

It must be fall ... cool crisp air, leaves turning, and Gold Rush has come and gone. North Georgia is at its most beautiful, and your Alumni Association is completing one of its busiest times of the year.

This summer and fall, we have sponsored many alumni events. We have had reunions for the classes of '65, '70, and '80. We have had area gatherings in South Carolina, Ft. Drum, Columbus, Warner Robins, Ft. Bragg, St. Simons Island, and Blue Ridge.

No fall would seem complete without a visit to the campus and the Dahlonega during Gold Rush. This year, our Alumni Association Reception was held in the promenade area between the drill field and the new Library Technology Center. Somehow, you know that a good time is assured when North Georgia alumni get together, and

this year was no exception.

If you attended the Gold Rush reception, you may have had the opportunity to meet Phil Collins, the university's new director of alumni relations and the association's new executive director, and Parker Halstead, who has filled the new role of associate director of alumni relations. (See p. 26 for more information on Phil and Parker.) They have been busy planning and executing alumni events this fall, and they are already planning programs for 2011.

Future area gatherings are scheduled for Augusta, Ga., on Jan. 3, Athens, Ga., on March 5, and South Carolina on March 19. The university's annual Homecoming Celebration is planned for Jan. 29, and it will be preceded by the first ever Athletics Hall of Fame dinner and presentation. We hope that if you live near those areas, you will make plans to join us. Also, please contact Phil or Parker if you would like to schedule a class reunion, area gathering or other alumni event.

I do want to give a special thank you to Gerald Lord, who served as our interim executive director for six months. Gerald did a truly great job for the Alumni Association.

Our chief goal for this year is to increase membership in the Alumni Association. I hope you will take the time to join by contacting Phil or Parker or by going online to our North Georgia NetCommunity website at www.northgeorgia.org. Your membership helps keep the Alumni Association strong and working for you.



Phil Collins '75, new director of alumni relations, visits with Bob Stein '71 at North Georgia Day at the Gwinnett Braves in August.

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Join the Alumni Association!

To join the Alumni Association, please visit www.northgeorgia.org.

Your membership provides you access to a searchable online alumni directory and supports alumni publications, events and activities.

1930s

MG George Johnson '38 resides in Sarasota, Fla. He has two children and two grandchildren. During WWII, he was stationed mostly in Europe, flying for the Air Force. The Alumni Association's 1974 Hall of Fame Award recipient, he has received numerous community awards for his service and leadership.

R. Earle Lucas '38 was in the Navy after his days at North Georgia. He said his color guard training at North Georgia got him appointed to lead a color guard for the USS *Prairie State*, whose duty included doing the honors for the Giants and Dodgers at Ebbies Field in the summer of 1942, a special highlight. Eventually, he was on the USS *Charles Carroll* out of Okinawa, one of the first occupation troops into Japan. Following a long career as the owner of a fertilizer company, he sold his business 10 years ago and now enjoys his community and friends. Lucas lives in Bradenton, Fla., where he has received numerous honors for his community involvement.

1940s

M.D. "Dan" Dillashaw '45 of Winter Haven, Fla., would love to hear from old friends. Dan's e-mail address is: d.dilly@juno.com.

Ann Jackson '46 and her husband, Reese, celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary this summer. They live in Rome, Ga.

1950s

Robert "Bud" Jones '52 wrote that he is still in the taxidermy and restaurant decor business and decorates all the Longhorn Steakhouse Restaurants. He has authored eight books, including Westerns, nature

books and one about growing up in his hometown of Tallapoosa, Ga.

Bobby Bray '56 has published the book "Inside Man," available through Amazon.com. He lives in Social Circle, Ga.



Donald Dupree '55, pictured above right, retired in 1992 following a 30-year career with NASA, where he supported the mission to the moon. He has several children and grandchildren and resides in Huntsville, Ala.

Maynard Griggs Brown '59 was featured on the cover of *Fayette Woman Magazine* in June 2010. She reflects upon her 101 years of living and continues to stay busy with gardening, fishing, ceramics, reading, and quilt making. Brown still continues to live in Fayetteville, Ga.

1960s

Carolyn Midkiff '63 has retired after 13 years in banking and 10 years with the State of Louisiana. Her husband, Darrell has retired after 28 years in the Air Force. Their son, Scott, is also career Air Force and will be promoted to LTC this year. They live in De Ridder, La.

Billy Dove '65 is an artist and lives in Asheville, NC. He recently published an online blog at BillDoveArt.blogspot.com where friends can see his work.

Woody McFarlin '67 was elected president of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association in June. He lives in Powder Springs, Ga. **Mike Sheuerman '69** also reported that he saw **Skip Bell** and **Ralph Foster**, also from the Class of 1967, at the association's annual meeting this year. The next meeting will be in July 2011 in Orlando.

Gail Ingram '69 and **Pete Ingram '70** are pleased to announce the arrival of the third generation of Ingrams on North Georgia's campus. Benjamin Ingram enrolled this fall.

1970s

Evans Millican '77 and his wife Lisa celebrated their fifth wedding

Bishop recognized by President

Charles Bishop (right) receives a congratulatory letter from President Obama from Mr. Nate Godwin, Deputy G3, FORSCOM. Charles (Chuck) Bishop '67 retired in March after 21 years with U.S. Army Forces Command, where he coordinated Army forces' participation in joint and combined exercises. He graduated from North Georgia as a Distinguished Military Graduate and during his 21 years of service, was awarded two Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with "V". He and his family live in Marietta, Ga.



anniversary this spring. They live in Griffin, Ga.

Greg Smith '76 has authored *Fired Up! Leading Your Organization to Achieve Exceptional Results*, a book designed to show executives, business owners and leaders how to boost performance and create a high-energy work culture from the bottom to the top. Smith, who lives in Conyers, Ga., also serves as the president of Mercy Heart Inc., a nonprofit, charitable health clinic.



Penn., where Mark will be attending the Army War College. Mark returned last fall from another tour in Iraq, where he commanded Task Force ODIN. Mark has been serving as the director of the futures integration test command.

Kathy Shalosky '86 recently became a realtor with Keller Williams Realty in the Tampa Bay Area.

1990s

Elvin McNeil '90 is relocating from Savannah for a new human resources job at the Home Depot Distribution Center in Braselton, Ga.

MAJ Jarrett Ryan Moses '97 returned this summer to the States from Germany. He is now stationed at Fort Leavenworth.

Dr. Brian Harley '97 a podiatric surgeon has joined the staff at Village Podiatry Center in the Smyrna and Duluth office and is currently Chief of Podiatry at Wellstar Windy Hill Hospital in Marietta.

Andrea Conarro Woody '98 graduated from Tulane University Law School in 2004 and is now an attorney. A resident of Dahlonega, Woody has recently opened her own law office in Dahlonega.

2000s

Amber Hooper Irizarry '01 and her husband Daniel welcomed their first child, Ava Denise, in June 2010. After spending the past two years in Charlottesville, Va., they now live in Manhattan, NY.



Thompson commands Aviation Group at Fort Campbell

LTC John Thompson '87 assumed command of the 160th Aviation Group at Fort Campbell in June. He and his wife, Paula Thompson '86, reside in Fort Carson, Col. John is the son of Robert A. Thompson '62, one of the North Georgia alumni killed in action in Vietnam. John participated in a campus tribute to the alumni killed in Vietnam during Parent-Alumni Weekend this year.

Shannon (Baker) Richardson '01 and Hunter Richardson of Oxford, Ms., are new parents to Emma Grace, who was born on June 8, 2010.

Chad Thomason '02 recently joined Athens First Bank & Trust as an assistant vice president and business banker in the bank's downtown office. He lives in Nicholson, Ga.

CPT James B. Compton '04 assigned command of Alpha Battery 3D BN, 4TH ADAR at Fort Bragg, NC. Most recently, CPT Compton was deployed to the CENTCOM AOR to serve as an ADAFCO while attached to the 11th ADA Brigade. He is from Canton, Ga.

Kristen Picou-Matesevac '05 and her husband, Mark Matesevac welcomed their second daughter, Clara Rosalie Matesevac on April 9, 2010. They live in Lawrenceville, Ga.

Amy Arrington '07 of Gainesville, Ga.,



Butch Miller '82 was sworn into office in May 2010 as State Senator for Georgia's 59th District. Butch is pictured here, fourth from the left in the back with several North Georgia friends, at a fundraiser held in April 2010. He lives in Gainesville, Ga., where he owns a car dealership.

Bill Cliff '84 has worked with the Georgia Department of Transportation for 24 years and recently received a career promotion from Construction Project Engineer to District Construction Estimator. He lives in Thomaston, Ga.

COL Mark Moser '86 and his wife, **Linda Moser '87**, wrote this summer that they were at Fort Hood, Texas, but on their way soon to Carlisle Barracks,

and **Brandon Truelove '06** are a future husband and wife photography team who specialize in weddings and portraits across North Georgia and love to travel to other destinations. You can see their work at www.amyarrington.com.

Troy Danek '08 is currently serving in Afghanistan with the HHC 430 Sustainment BDE.

Joel Daly '09 is currently deployed to FOB Hammer Iraq. He will return in the fall and be stationed at Fort Drum with the 10th Mountain Division.

Trevis Guy '08 has recently accepted a position with the U.S. State Department, where he will provide diplomatic security, including serving as part of the security details at one of the 265 U.S. embassies located overseas. He has worked for the past four years with the Campus Police at North Georgia.

Sharon Matherson '08 is now working as a toxicologist at the Georgia Bureau of Investigation crime lab. She lives in Atlanta.



Diplomatic Security

Andrea Wells '04 submitted this photo taken with Secretary of State Hillary Clinton. Wells now works for Diplomatic Security and was a psychology major at North Georgia.

Jeremy Davis '09 is teaching math at the International School of Kabul, a multicultural institution with students and teachers from Afghanistan and around the world.

Rahul Dhar '09 is currently on active duty in Baqubah Iraq (Diyala Province) with the 18th Engineering Company.

Bonnie Earnest '09 wrote that she and her husband, 2LT Geb Graydon, are now stationed at Fort Irwin, Calif.

Lisa Fisher '09 completed her master's in nursing education at North Georgia while working full time at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta. The Alflac Cancer Center and Blood Disorders Service of Children's Healthcare of Atlanta recently honored her with the 2009 Continuing Education Award. She currently resides in Decatur, Ga.

Alice Gabriel '09 has returned to North Georgia, where she is pursuing her master's degree in community counseling. She plans to graduate in spring 2012.

LT Justin Middleton '09 graduated from IBOLC-Army Officer's Training Course in September and received the Distinguished Honor Graduate out of 150 graduates. He is now attending Ranger School in Ft. Benning, Ga. and will graduate in November 2010.

Teri Reese '09 began her doctoral studies in sociology at Florida State University this fall. She lives in St. Simons Island, Ga.

Davis publishes historical books

Robert S. Davis '76, M. Ed., is director of the Family & Regional History Program and professor of history at Wallace State College in Hanceville, Ala. In September, he was interviewed for an episode of the History Channel's upcoming television series Brad Meltzer Decoded. That segment will concern his publications on how hundreds of thousands of dollars in Confederate gold became lost in 1865. Through The History Press in Charleston, he has recently published his thirty-ninth book, *Andersonville Confederate Prison* and in spring 2011, he will publish a similar book on Civil War Atlanta. Professor Davis has recently published his 100th article in a scholarly journal.



Submit your Class Notes

We invite you to share your news with North Georgia classmates through Class Notes.

Submit news to Alumni Relations, North Georgia College & State University, P.O. Box 1599, Dahlonega, GA 30533, or e-mail alumni@northgeorgia.edu.

Also, visit www.northgeorgia.org to update your contact information and join or renew your membership in the NGCSU Alumni Association.

In Memoriam

North Georgia College & State University extends sympathy to the family and friends of the following alumni and friends of the university who have passed away in the past few months. They are listed by class year with their date of death.

COL John W. Callaway '35	May 10, 2010
Mr. W. Jackson Liddell '36	April 24, 2010
Mr. George M. Ingram '37	June 20, 2010
Mr. John T. Roberts '38	July 24, 2010
Mr. John B. Sisson '38	June 17, 2010
Mrs. Hazel Frances Smith Reyes '39	May 12, 2010
Mrs. Imogene C. Walker '39	May 3, 2010
COL Bruce Palmer '39	April 9, 2010
Chaplain Sidney L. Waterhouse '40	Aug. 10, 2010
Mr. George M. Holliman '42	Oct. 30, 2010
COL(R) William H. Vandiver '42	April 11, 2010
Mr. William E. Rountree '43	June 3, 2010
Dr. Bryan L. Redd, Jr. '44	May 16, 2010
Mr. Norman C. Low '44	May 10, 2010
Dr. Marcus Cleon Gibbs '45	Sept. 27, 2010
Mr. Joe Beck Moore '45	June 18, 2010
Mr. Curtis E. Tate '45	May 29, 2010
Mrs. Jean Smith Holman '46	Sept. 10, 2010
Mr. Claude M. Cook, Jr. '47	May 14, 2010
Mr. Ralph C. Key '49	Sept. 5, 2010
Mr. Arthur H. Walker '49	Sept. 4, 2010
Mr. Theron L. White, Jr. '49	June 23, 2010
LTC Marion L. Chalker, Jr. '50	Nov. 8, 2010
Mr. Lewis J. Miers, Jr. '50	Aug. 10, 2010
Mr. Robert L. McClure '50	Aug. 9, 2010
Mr. John M. Garrison '50	July 31, 2010
Dr. Frederick G. McFall, Jr. '50	April 28, 2010
COL (R) John P. King '51	Oct. 13, 2010
Mrs. Annette Pittman Nash '51	Aug. 7, 2010
Mr. Kenneth R. Woods '51	May 22, 2010
Mr. Bobby J. Newman '51	July 17, 2010
LTC William L. Ponder '53	May 7, 2010
Mr. James A. Watkins '54	Sept. 4, 2010
Miss Nettie Lee Lovelace '54	April 19, 2010
Mr. Gerald A. McLendon '56	June 6, 2010
Rev. Roy C. Barnes '56	May 8, 2010
Mr. William H. Collins '57	Sept. 7, 2010
Br Hughes Lanier Ash, Jr. '58	July 25, 2010
Mr. Robert L. Morrison '60	June 26, 2010
Mrs. Kate Taylor Payne '62	June 22, 2010
Mr. J. Marlin Smith '63	April 22, 2010
Mr. James R. Alsabrook '63	April 3, 2010
Mrs. Betty Harkins-Garrett '64	May 7, 2010
Mr. Sylvan R. Fox '65	April 1, 2010
Dr. John T. Woods, III '67	Aug. 7, 2010
Mrs. Martha Moore Tompkins '70	
(Retired staff)	May 4, 2010
Mr. James P. McCord '70	April 15, 2010
Dr. Amber Tipton Prince '71	Nov. 1, 2010
Mr. Robert S. Ballentine '73	May 4, 2010
Mr. David R. Walter '74	June 10, 2010
Dr. June Martin Stride '78	July 4, 2010
Ms. Cynthia Anne Becker '78	June 17, 2010
Mrs. Debra Timbes Padget '80	May 15, 2010
Mrs. Rhonda Blackburn Alvarado '80	April 26, 2010
Mr. Bradley D. Litke '82	Oct. 16, 2010
MAJ Patrick W. Foster '83	June 23, 2010
Mrs. Mimi Albea Rogers '96	June 21, 2010
Mr. Randy Harvey (Friend)	May 20, 2010

Alumni Council seeking nominations for alumni awards

The Alumni Council's Awards and Scholarship Committee is seeking nominations for the following awards: Hall of Fame, Distinguished Alumnus, and Young Alumnus.

Please visit www.northgeorgia.org/awards to access the nomination forms. Nominations should be mailed by January to the Office of Alumni Relations, P.O. Box 1599, Dahlonega Georgia, 30533.

Please take time to nominate individuals who have devoted time and effort to maintaining the university's dynamic reputation and who have demonstrated North Georgia's values in their work or civic lives. When possible, please provide a resume or biographical sketch of the nominee. This will aid the selection committee tremendously when reviewing the award candidates.

Alumni Hall of Fame candidates should have distinguished themselves through outstanding professional careers or outstanding contributions to community service. Only one award is presented each year.

Distinguished Alumnus Award candidates should be alumni who have an extraordinary record of service and support to the university. A maximum of two recipients may be named each year.

Young Alumnus Award candidates should be alumni within their first 25 years of graduation from North Georgia who have distinguished themselves through outstanding professional careers and/or outstanding contributions to community service. Only one award is presented each year.

Are you a Golden Alumnus?

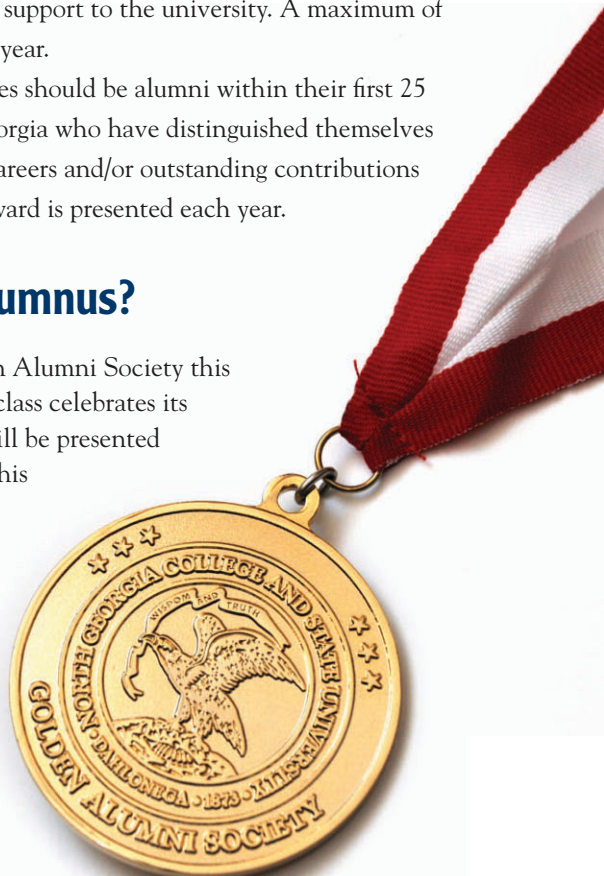
The university began the Golden Alumni Society this year, and moving forward, as each class celebrates its 50th-year since graduation, they will be presented with golden medallions honoring this special milestone.

Members of the class of 1961 will receive their medallions at their reunion in April 2011.

If you graduated from North Georgia more than 50 years ago and have not yet received a medallion, please contact our Office of Alumni Relations at 706-864-1547.

Online nominations

Access nominations forms for Hall of Fame, Distinguished Alumnus and Young Alumnus at www.northgeorgia.org/awards.

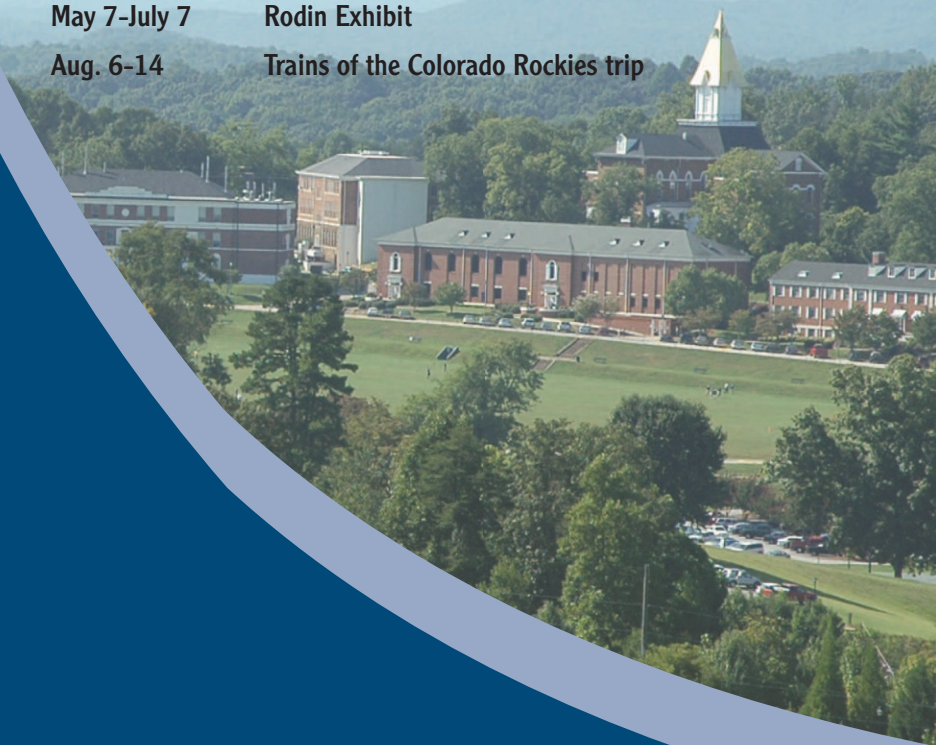


Upcoming Events

For more information about community and cultural events, visit the online events guide at www.northgeorgia.edu/eventsguide.

For details about alumni events and activities, visit www.northgeorgia.org.

Jan. 3	Area gathering – Augusta, Ga. in conjunction with basketball games at Augusta State
Jan. 5	Spring classes begin
Jan. 28	Athletic Hall of Fame Awards Banquet
Jan. 29	Homecoming Basketball Games
Feb. 5	Area gathering – Tampa, Fla.
March 5	Area gathering – Athens, Ga.
March 17-26	British Landscapes trip
March 19	Area gathering – South Carolina
April 8-10	Parents-Alumni Weekend & Class of 1956 reunion
April 29	Class of 1961 reunion
May 21	North Georgia at the Holly featuring Kathy Mattea
May 7-July 7	Rodin Exhibit
Aug. 6-14	Trains of the Colorado Rockies trip





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Patriot Hall, a new home for cadets

Cadets in Alpha Company form-up for morning PT in front of the university's new cadet residence hall. Patriot Hall opened this fall and houses 350 cadets.

